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Serial No.: 09/362,394

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Group Art Unit: 1648

For: DETECTION OF HUMAN HEPATITIS B VIRUS SURFACE ANTIGEN MUTANTS BY SPECIFIC AMPLIFICATION AND ITS APPLICATION ON GENE CHIP

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment to the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

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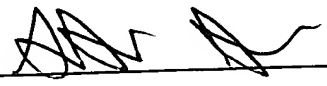
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 16, 2001 OFFICE
ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a March 16, 2001 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 16, 2001 Office Action was originally due June 16, 2001. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. The required fee for a three month extension of time is \$890.00 and a check which includes this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the March 16, 2001 Office Action is now due September 16, 2001. However, since September 16, 2001 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, i.e. Monday, September 17, 2001, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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